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FATHER of the RENOWNED
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THE
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DEDICATED WITH
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at the last Election.

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Two Hundred Twenty-Six
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And particularly to

CHARLES DINGLEY, ESQ.

Gentlemen and Sir,

THE near relation which
you now bear to the
above gentleman, and the
great honour which devolves
to yourselves, by chusing
him your representative in
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acknowledgements of every friend to the freedom and constitution of Great-Britain; and though it has unaccountably happened that no less than Fifteen hundred and Sixty-five very unruly and stubborn freeholders of your own county, could not be prevailed on to join with you in the election of this your *favourite choice*, receive this my humble tribute, as the greatest mark of that *respect* and *honour*, which I think so justly due to you, collectively and individually.---- This, gentlemen, is the only motive

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motive which has induced me to furnish the world with the following narrative, as it will, I hope, in some degree, remove many of those false aspersions, and groundless invectives, which have been maliciously and ignorantly cast upon a noble, worthy, and virtuous family, and convince all mankind, that the cause of liberty, independency, and true love of your country, were the sole motives which influenced your choice on that election; and be assured that I shall, on every future occasion, be equally

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equally happy in any opportunity of exhibiting both you and your representative in those respectable lights, and perfect contempt, in which you appear to,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most devoted

and obedient servant,



CHARLES JENKINSON.



AFTER the very *respectable* figure which Colonel L——l, the presumptive Member for the County of M——x, has made in the political and public world, I am inclined to think that a genuine history of that gentleman's family and progress in life, will be not only very acceptable to every curious enquirer, but will at the same time alarm the Electors of this Kingdom, what a worthy and respectable choice of Members to repre-

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sent them in parliament, may in future be chosen, by the virtuous and patriotic Premier, who has, by returning the said Colonel, became the object of their present — abomination.

I should not however, at this juncture, have undertaken the exhibition of this very original family, were I not astonished at a paragraph which I have read in one of the Daily Papers, ‘ that the Court of King’s Bench did in the last term grant three several rules (I suppose for informations) against the Printers and Publishers of certain News-papers, “ for making “ too free with the name of Lord Irn--m, “ the father of the celebrated Colonel;” but many imperfect sketches having been given of that *Nobleman’s* pedigree since it has been noticed in the world, that is, since the last election for the County of Middlesex, common justice to that family and to the Printers under prosecution, induces me to give the world the genuine history

history of that noble and virtuous Family, which I have collected from public records and vouchers that cannot be questioned, and with a perfect knowledge which I have had of their political as well as private conduct in life since my infancy.

The first notice that any of our histories have taken of the name of Luttrell, is dated from the time the ever memorable Colonel of that name, and the father of the noble Lord above-mentioned, betrayed the unfortunate Prince, who had placed a confidence unlimited in him, at the famous Battle of Aughrim in Ireland; and that in consideration of his treachery and villainy he obtained from the successful conqueror, several very large and extensive grants and estates of many persons that did, and many others that did not, forfeit their estates, and were attainted of high-treason in the course of the then unhappy contest in that kingdom, and was

soon after that time raised to several of the first employments of the state, and married a lady of some respectable family, by whom he had a son named Henry, who is now living; of whom farther notice shall be taken in it's proper place; but the mother of this unfortunate gentleman dying whilst he was an infant, the famous Colonel above-mentioned took a particular liking to his cook or house-keeper, (indeed I cannot exactly say which station she filled) in so much that he honoured her with part of his bed; and the world was then malicious enough to report that he had two sons by this virtuous Lady, namely, the present Lord Irn--m, and another since dead, who were very promising fine boys, possessed of all their father's virtues, and greatly engrossed the affections of their amiable parents, particularly their mother, who became a Lady of uncommon spirit and abilities, as will be hereafter proyed; and when

when those young gentlemen grew up to years of maturity, their said mother constantly importuned the Colonel to make her a virtuous and lawful wife, (having before neglected a marriage ceremony) and to make some proper provision for her two sons, equal to their birth and his fortune: this, for some reasons, which I cannot with any certainty explain, the Colonel for many years declined; but having discovered that his intended lady entertained some very ambitious thoughts, respecting both herself and her darling sons, to the prejudice of his eldest and lawful son, became greatly alarmed, and found it expedient to make his will and settle his worldly affairs; for conscious of the treachery he was guilty of to his sovereign, and discovering that his then yoke-fellow had entered into very intimate connections and kept constant council and correspondence, with one Doctor Nary a popish Priest, and a man
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of very intriguing and dangerous principles, he was, for several years before his death, extremely apprehensive of falling a victim to the resentment of some Irish assassins, whose families and fortunes were sacrificed by his perfidy, or to the infernal councils of this Doctor Nary, who had obtained an entire dominion over his then intended consort; for those reasons, I say, the Colonel made his will, and thereby bequeathed the most considerable part of his real estates to his lawful son, then a student in the Middle Temple, and the remainder he bequeathed to his two sons by his said Cook or House-keeper; and for the greater security on this occasion he deposited a duplicate of this will locked up in a tin case, with the keeper of the Rolls office belonging to the court of Chancery, to be kept with the other Records of the Kingdom, and another part or duplicate of the said will, he always carried in his pocket, in another tin case; and it is a well

well known fact to numbers of persons, that he never went out of his doors without this case, in which he always declared his will was contained; but those precautions in favour of his son, at length, proved fatal to him, and caused his untimely death.

His then lady being highly exasperated at his refusing to make her an honest and virtuous woman by marrying her, and finding that all her schemes and ambitious projects in favour of her sons were frustrated, was determined at all events to counteract the designs of her noble Colonel, and effected the same in the following manner.

The above-mentioned Doctor Nary, employed a lawyer of the name of Slingsby to draw and prepare a will for the Colonel to execute, and got two or three other gentlemen of equally flexible dispositions to attend the execution thereof, and to witness the same; and as
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the Colonel was one night returning home from the Privy Council, of which he was a Member, he was shot in his chair by some assassins employed for that purpose by Doctor Nary and the mother of those hopeful Sons; and the fluggs which penetrated into his back and into his body did such immediate execution, that the Colonel died before he could be got into his house; but this did not prevent the lady's nuptials; every thing was prepared, and Doctor Nary married the dead Colonel to his surviving affectionate Lady, and immediately after that ceremony the above-mentioned Mr. Slingsby took the Colonel's then cold hand in his own, and, after a fashion, subscribed the Colonel's name therewith, so that the creditable witnesses then present might be able to swear that they had seen the Colonel *put his name* thereto; thus in the course of a few minutes the above-mentioned Lady became an *honest vir-*

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tuous Lady and unblemished wife, and all the precautions used by the Colonel for several years before his untimely death, utterly defeated and destroyed; your readers will expect to hear that the actors and accomplices in this horrid scene were amply rewarded, and shared largely in the spoils of this harvest, they really did so; for by this Will, the Colonel *was prevailed with, in consideration of the injuries he had done to this Lady's character, virtue and reputation, in the younger part of her life*, to bequeath to her all his personal estate, which indeed was immense, together with a very considerable jointure; to the above-mentioned Mr. Slingsby a clear real estate of the value of £600 a year, and to the several other operators some considerable annuities, together with large sums immediately paid them by the widow and executrix, and the remainder of his real estates, now of the yearly value of £8000 and upwards, *he left to his two sons*

by the above Lady, except an annuity of £300 a-year, which they had the conscience to insert in favour of the Colonel's eldest and lawful son.

Immediately after the interment of the murdered Colonel, it was very industriously propagated through the whole kingdom of Ireland, that he was assassinated by some Popish Rebels employed by king James or his agents, and large rewards were offered by proclamation from the government and privy council, for discovering and apprehending those vile assassins, who had deprived them of so valuable and trusty a member of their most honourable board; but the grief and distraction of his inconsolable widow is not to be described; she offered additional rewards for apprehending the horrid murderers of her dear Colonel, went into the deepest mourning, and possessed herself of the whole of his personal estate to an enormous account, and after gratifying

fyng the worthy members of her own council and brothers in murder and iniquity, she with her darling sons entered into the possession of all her *Husband's* real estates, to the utter astonishment of the whole Kingdom.

So far every part of her infernal plot succeeded to her utmost wish, but much more remained to be done; the Will which the Colonel always carried about him was easily destroyed and cancelled, but the duplicate lodged with the keeper of the Records, was an obstinate impediment to the progress and scope of this spirited Lady's ambitious and laudable schemes; she was however resolved to conquer all difficulties, and in short by a proper application of part of her well got treasure, she purchased the very identical duplicate or Will, which had been deposited with the honest keeper, proved that which had been executed by her — Friend Slingsby, and thereby made out a clear,

absolute and unimpeached title to the name and estate of the Luttrells, and under this very will and marriage, solemnized and obtained in the manner I have here related, the present Lord Irn—m, as the lawful surviving son of the aforesaid Colonel and his virtuous, chaste and lawful wife, now holds and enjoys the estates of that ever famous Immortalized Colonel Luttrell of Luttrell's Town in the Kingdom of Ireland, which has been so much boasted of since the late election, or subversion of election, of the county of Middlesex, and for the saucy and impertinent freedoms that have been taken with this Illustrious House, name and family, informations have been granted against several Printers and publishers by the court of King's-bench, on the special affidavit of this noble Lord, that he is the natural and lawful son of the aforesaid Colonel Luttrell, by the said *dame Jane, or Joan Cook-maid or House-keeper*. It would,

would, or might be, attended with very dangerous consequences, were I flatly to contradict that part of the noble Lord's affidavit, wherein he positively swears, that he is the *lawful, legitimate and real son of the said Colonel Luttrell*, but I hope I may say without incurring any of those dangerous premunires, that it was reported, and is to this day the general opinion of most persons in that Kingdom where he was born, that both the said Lord Ern—m, and his brother who is since dead, were the natural sons of the said Doctor Nary the Popish Priest, who for many years after the death of the said Colonel lived in the *closest* intimacy with his unhappy afflicted widow, *to comfort her*; but this I don't positively affirm to be the fact.

I have promised some account of the first born son of the said Colonel, named Henry Luttrell, who was, at the time of his father's death, a student in
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the Middle Temple, London; I shall therefore acquaint your readers that soon after the Colonel's assassination, the inventive and spirited mother of the present Lord, gave proper instructions to her eldest son, what part he was to act by this unfortunate victim, and immediately dispatched him to London to visit his disconsolate brother, and give him every proof of his fraternal regard; accordingly on his arrival here, this younger branch of this noble family acquainted the Counsellor (which we shall hereafter dubb him) of the disposition of his father's will, and that no more than an annuity of £300 a-year had been left him; but in pursuance of the instructions given him by his worthy mother, the heir apparent then assured the outcast Counsellor, that he might depend on his utmost service, assistance and brotherly love, and as a proof of his declaration and professions, then advanced him the sum of £1000 to pay some debts

debts which he had contracted, and kept up so strict an intimacy with him for some months, that he hardly admitted any other person to his presence or conversation, but such as he either approved of, or introduced to his acquaintance, and in the intercourse of this intimacy lent and advanced to him several sums of money, to a very considerable amount, every shilling of which this affectionate brother and his associates took care to strip him of at play and other devices, and when this Ambassador of his mother, had fully completed the part assigned him, he desired the Counsellor to give him his bond for the money so advanced, by way of memorandum until they could settle on the foot of the annuity, and as soon as this bond became due, the wretched Counsellor was arrested thereon and committed to the Fleet-prison, where he remained many years, without receiving a shilling of

of the generous annuity assigned him by the will of *his mother-in-law*, in the most unhappy circumstances that human nature can be reduced to.

Thus secured, friendless, penniless, and in the circumstances above-mentioned, the present Noble Family had nothing to dread from his impertinent claims, and therefore triumphantly exulted in the success of their diabolical projects, but the foundress, the pure fountain of their origin, died (as it is reported) in the arms of Doctor Nary, and the elder brother of the present Lord, also died in some few years after, no doubt of grief for his virtuous mother, and the present Lord Irn—m entered into possession of the family estate; but having an utter abhorrence to the assassins and murderers of his father, or for some other *virtuous motives*, he refused to pay the annuities, and perform some engagements which his pious mother had

had entered into with her associates, and some of them, particularly the above named Mr. Slingsby (and I believe some others) filed one or more bills in Chancery to enforce specific execution or performance of those engagements; and as it is an old proverb, but I hope true, that murder will out; some things appeared on the proceedings in those causes which, upon due consideration, our Noble Lord did not think proper to let the world see, and according to the wise precedents laid down to him by his judicious mother, he not only compromised those differences with the assistant-founders of his legitimacy and fortune, but he actually bought off the pleadings which were filed thereon in the Court of Chancery: for although minutes and entries of those Records were found in the books, and the very persons who filed and entered them were afterwards produced and made oath of their being

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deposited, they could not be found, nor ever have appeared from that hour to this.

Pending those transactions, the Counsellor by some means, which I don't know, procured his liberty, and by the advice of some persons in the Law, who promised to support his cause, went over to Ireland, and there preferred several bills in Chancery setting forth every transaction which I have mentioned, and many other curious anecdotes, touching the present Lord's title, birth and legitimacy ; but it was his unhappy fate to get acquainted with a Lady in London, whose brother went with him to Ireland, under the pretence of borrowing money for the Counsellor to support his cause. He being a weak credulous man, and somewhat touched in his brain from the many hardships, impositions, and cruelties practised upon him by his loving brother, executed to this faithful friend,

friend, who passed for his brother-in-law, several bonds and notes to a large amount; and just when his cause began to make much noise in that Kingdom, and gained the attention of the public, this abandoned pretended brother in-law of this victimized Counsellor sold all the securities which he had obtained under the pretences above-mentioned, to the present Noble Lord or his emissaries, whereon the Counsellor was arrested, thrown into prison, deserted by his acquaintance, who found it impracticable to support or extricate him; and there he remained for several years, in the utmost want and misery, which you may conceive, when I aver it as a fact, that I have seen this unhappy gentleman begging at the prison grate almost naked. His misfortunes and hardships in short deprived him of all his senses, and in order to remove so disagreeable an object out of hearing or seeing, I am infor-

med that the Noble *Lord prosecutor* had him released and sent over to France, where he now remains lingering out the remainder of a wretched life, deprived of his liberty, birthright, fortune and reason, and has left the Noble Lord in possession of all, except the last, which I must say he wants, by forcing the public into an enquiry and disquisition on his pedigree and past life, which I believe the world will say he ought to have buried. After this true, but very extraordinary history, it will no doubt astonish the world, how, or by what means this illustrious family, should be honoured with so distinguished a mark of the R--l favour, as to be made a Peer of the Kingdom of Ireland, and seated in equal rank with the Nobility of that unfortunate Kingdom, who have been distinguished (until very lately) as much for the antiquity of their noble birth and unblemished honour, as any other nation

nation in the world; but the times are much changed, for within my own memory, I have seen several persons of very obscure birth, and some of very infamous characters, mere mushroom upstarts who never had a foot of ground in that Kingdom, or the least connection there-with, and not a single virtue or pretension to any such dignity but that of a time-serving, fawning creature of a Minister in England, and an ill-got disgraceful fortune, shamefully exalted and crammed into the house of Lords in Ireland: what an aggravating insult this to the antient nobles of that Kingdom, and how mortifying to their pride and dignity!

I hope my readers will pardon this little digression, and the more so as it will be found not altogether unapplicable to our present history. The Noble Lord, before us, found it extremely disagreeable to him to live in that Kingdom;

Kingdom; the unwelcome truths I have already related, were not only whispered, but became a public conversation, which added to the *unblemished* memory of his father, rendered the name of Luttrell as obnoxious in that kingdom, as the name of John Wilkes is now, or ever was to Lord Bute, or Jonathan Wild in London: in short he was publicly and privately insulted and despised, in so much that it became a common phrase amongst most ranks of people, and remains so to this day, that if a man was inclined to confer the greatest mark of rascality and resentment against his adversary, it was enough to call him a Luttrell. Traitor, villain, bastard, coward and profligate, and every thing that can be conceived odious and horrible, were received, couched and understood in that one word: no wonder then that the only owner of it, should be heartily tired of it, and ardently wished to sink it

it into any other name, phrase or word that might escape the odium indelibly annexed, and never to be separated from it. He did indeed ardently desire to change it for any other on the face of the earth, and I will do him the justice to declare, that he was really ashamed of that, tho' of no other action or circumstance of his life: for it has ever been remarked that this noble family, from their origin to this day, have been proof against all shame; and the present conduct of the father and son, will, I believe, strongly corroborate this remark. But it was a very difficult, a very arduous task to shake off this same damnable name; the origin of it was not sufficiently obliterated, and the recent unparalleled villanies perpetrated even against the real descendant of that original, rendered every attempt of that nature abortive, whilst the unfortunate victim remained starving in prison in
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the face of the public; but as soon as he was removed out of the Kingdom as before related, the Noble Lord Irn—m set all his engines at work to accomplish a darling project on which he had long set his heart; and the first attempt, or rather bold push, which he made for that purpose, was during the administration of the late Noble Duke of Devonshire when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. On his arrival in that Kingdom as Marquis of Hartington, every effort, every stratagem was made use of to have him made a Lord; but the Noble Duke having communicated the solicitations that were laid before him to the worthy and honourable Speaker of the House of Commons, he, with his usual candour and integrity of heart, informed his Excellency of the *noble extraction of the Family* and the *goodness and dignity of mind* of the person solicited

solicited for, which effectually put an end to all his ambitious projects during that administration.

On the appointment of the noble and virtuous Duke of Bedford to the government of that Kingdom, the aspiring hopes of the Luttrells were once more revived; they had not a doubt, but a nobleman so distinguished for his true regard and constant attention to the *welfare and dignity of that Kingdom*, would reward the eminent services and inherent virtues of their family, by *calling* the present Lord to the dignity of a Peer of the Realm; but some of the Nobility there, were so very obstinate, and perverse, that they openly objected and remonstrated against the promotion, and were so audacious as to insinuate, that it would be a DISGRACE to the dignity of their house, and the Noble Duke finding that Mr. Lut—l, had

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but very little influence in the House of Commons of that Kingdom, and therefore could not be very serviceable to him in the many great points he was then projecting, *for the honour, prosperity, and internal happiness of the people*, his Grace dismissed the solicitation.

Determined however to accomplish his ends, and not in the least *ashamed* of the repulses he had met with, Mr. L——l was resolved to pursue his *game*; and on the appointment of the Earl of Halifax to the government of Ireland, he thought it the most favourable opportunity that had yet offered for the completion of his wishes, and hit on a project, which equally distinguishes his Lordship's grandeur of soul, and profound penetration into the mysteries of modern politicks; this was no other than to secure the favour and interest of Mrs.

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D——n with his Excellency, and as he knew that Lady was to go over to Ireland, to assist in the government of that Kingdom, and that it would not be so proper for her to keep her court in the Castle of Dublin, many of the Ladies of distinction there being more *squeamish* than in England, our hero with all possible respect waited on her Excellency, and humbly intreated she would accept of his house at Luttrells-town about five miles from Dublin, as her country residence; and I will do him the justice to declare, this is one of the prettiest Villa's in Europe, both as to situation, natural beauty, and artful embellishments; the Paradise was immediately accepted, but whether any promise of Peerage was then either made or implied, I will not take upon me to assert; however on the arrival of *his* Excellency at the Castle of Dublin, her Excellency took

possession of the Castle of Luttrells-town, and there kept up both a constant Levee, that did honour to the appointment, and was extremely brilliant, if a court may be so called without Ladies, for none ever appeared there.

Now it was that the name of L—l, was to be expunged, erased, and for ever lost in oblivion.

Great indeed was the influence, and equally great the expectation on that influence; but fatally the measure was smothered, it took wind, and the very same junto of unfashionable, proud, insolent Lords, who had before protested against the promotion, once more blasted all the pleasing hopes of so well concerted a project; his Excellency being determined to keep up the popularity which he had gained, *at least till he had got out of the kingdom*, was obliged to humour those ignorant obstinate Nobles, and leave the disconsolate,

solate, disappointed Mr. L——I, un-
nobled.

I shall not further intrude on the
patience of my readers, by giving the
many other equally fruitless and lau-
dable pursuits of this noble Lord for
the accomplishment of his design; let it
suffice that every artifice and influence
that could be thought of to procure
this longed-for title, were tryed and
practised upon the successive chief Gover-
nors of that Kingdom to the present hour,
but to no effect, it was too glaring, too
barefaced an insult to be offered or im-
posed on the Nation; and would destroy
the popularity and respect due to any
Lord Lieutenant, who would wish to stand
well with those he is appointed to govern,
and therefore very prudently refused by
every one of them; but this difficulty, this
breach of all delicacy, decorum and re-
spect to that Kingdom, and even to the
present Viceroy of it, was reserved for
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any restraint of that nature, and is of too liberal, and unprejudiced a way of thinking, to be governed by such flimsy insignificant objections, as want of birth, principle, virtue, honour, or the like; no, he soars above all such trifling considerations. He therefore, without so much as consulting the present Lord Lieutenant, recommended the present Lord I——m to his M——y, and as the reward and recompence of the many virtues I have in this performance proved him possessed of, his M——y has been pleased to CREATE him Lord I——m to the great joy and satisfaction of the Kingdom of Ireland, and indeed it is the only fault I can find in his Lordship's conduct upon this occasion, that he has not yet honoured that Kingdom with his presence by taking his seat in the house of Lords, though I have not the least doubt but he will meet with *a warm reception* on his arrival, and will be attended to the House amidst

amidst the outrageous reproaches of an incensed multitude.

It now only remains to add, that as a proof of his L——p's gratitude to the Duke of G——n, for the honour thus conferred on him, when there was not one man in this Kingdom, who would set up as candidate for the county of M——x, except the famous and immortal Charles D——y, his Lordship singled out his son, the equally famous and immortal Colonel, for that acceptable office, and from the many proofs which his G—— has given of his stedfast friendship and gratitude, there is no doubt but he will in due time create his Lordship a peer of England, by some other title that may sink the name of I——m, which is now become as despicable as that of L——l.

Thus I have truly and candidly given the genuine history of the origin, rise and progress, of the never to be forgotten
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name and family of the L——ls, from the first famous Colonel of that name, down to the M——x m——r, if such he can be called, who is now gone over to his native soil, to avoid the resentment of the injured members whom he has been imposed on for a representative; but I hope he will find his little encouragement or safety there as in the C. of M—, as there are a number of bad fellows in that Kingdom whose profession is *rascal-threshers*, and if he falls in their way I am inclined to think they will reward him for the eminent services rendered to many of their ancestors by his renowned grandfather.



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